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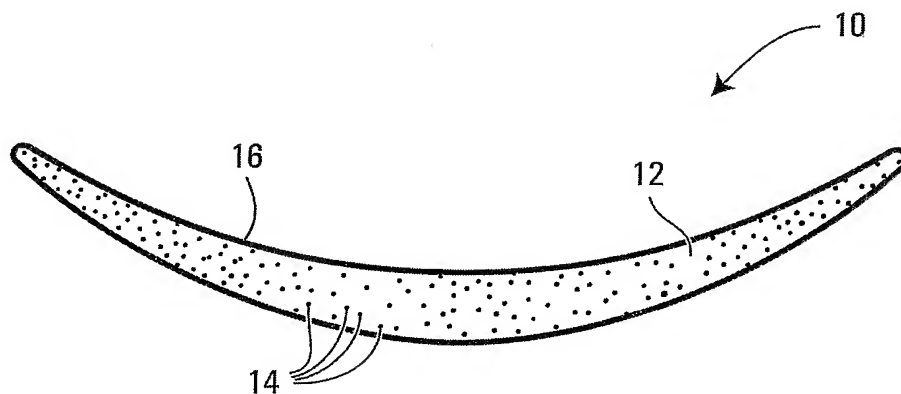
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(57) Abstract: A bicontinuous microemulsion of water, a monomer, and a surfactant copolymerizable with the monomer is polymerized to form a transparent and porous polymer defining interconnected pores. The pores may have a pore diameter in the range of 10 to 100 nm. The microemulsion may further include a drug such that, when the polymer is formed, the drug is dispersed in one or both of the polymer and the pores and is releasable therefrom when the polymer is in contact with a liquid. The drug may be an ophthalmic drug and the polymer can be used to form drug delivery devices, such as contact lenses and artificial corneas.

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